

## STATE OF ILLINOIS

### ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

NeuStar, Inc. in its role as North	:	
American Numbering Plan Administrator	:	
	:	01-0656
Petition for Approval of Numbering Plan	:	
Area Relief Planning for the 217 NPA.	:	

### ORDER

By the Commission:

On August 16, 2006, the Illinois Commerce Commission (“Commission”) entered an Interim Order in this proceeding adopting an all-services distributed overlay as the form of area code relief in the 217 Numbering Plan Area (“NPA”). The Commission took this action in response to the October 19, 2001 petition of NeuStar, Inc. (“NeuStar”) seeking approval of an all-services distributed overlay relief plan for the 217 NPA. NeuStar serves as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (“NANPA”) and filed the petition on behalf of the Illinois telecommunications industry.<sup>1</sup> The relief plan adopted by the Commission is described as Alternative No. 4 in NeuStar’s petition.

In addition to adopting an overlay, the Interim Order directed Staff and the members of the telecommunications industry to meet within 60 days after the entry of the Interim Order and formulate an implementation plan. The Interim Order stated that the plan should be completed and offered for approval as a compliance filing in this docket within 160 days from the entry of the Interim Order. The Interim Order also directed Staff and the members of the telecommunications industry to cooperate in delaying the implementation of the overlay through any reasonable means necessary.

On December 18, 2006, NeuStar filed a proposed implementation plan and requested approval of the proposed plan. NeuStar indicates that it convened and facilitated implementation meetings of the industry members by conference call on September 12 and November 13, 2006. During those meetings, industry members reviewed the Interim Order and reached consensus to adopt an implementation schedule and dialing patterns. In order to adhere to the Commission’s directive to delay the implementation of the overlay through any reasonable means necessary, the industry members decided to delay the start of implementation of relief for as long as possible and agreed to reconvene to decide upon firm implementation dates when the number of available central office (“CO”) codes for assignment reaches 50. NeuStar observes that as of December 15, 2006, 69 CO codes remain available for assignment from the general

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<sup>1</sup> The industry is composed of current and prospective telecommunications carriers operating in or considering operations within the 217 NPA.

pool with an additional 21 codes set aside for pooling, resulting in a total of 90 codes available for assignment. Pursuant to current jeopardy rationing procedures, the monthly rationed amount of CO code assignments is five with a limit of 20 carryover codes unused from prior months.

Once the amount of CO codes available for assignment reaches 50, the industry will review the historical CO code demand for the 217 NPA and determine if it is appropriate at that time to set the specific dates for the establishment of a 13-month implementation period. This interval will include six months for network and customer notification preparation, six months for permissive dialing (the period during which customers may dial seven, ten, or "1" plus ten digits within the overlay for local calls), and one month of mandatory ten-digit dialing (or "1" plus ten-digit dialing at each service provider's discretion) before activation of the new NPA code. Industry members have agreed that they will provide timely and comprehensive customer education prior to the commencement of permissive dialing and again prior to the start of mandatory dialing.

The proposed dialing plan for implementation of the overlay is as follows:

Type of call	Call terminating in	Dialing plan
Local call	Home NPA ("HNPA") or Foreign NPA ("FNPA")	10-digits (NPA-NXX-XXXX) <sup>2</sup>
Toll call	HNPA or FNPA	1+10-digits (1+NPA-NXX-XXXX)
Operator services credit card, collect, third party	HNPA or FNPA	0+10-digits (0+NPA-NXX-XXXX)

Following receipt of NeuStar's proposed implementation plan, the Administrative Law Judge set a schedule for responses to the filing. None were received. A Proposed Order was served on the parties. No Briefs on Exceptions were received.

Having reviewed the proposed implementation plan, the Commission finds it reasonable and concludes that it should be approved. The Commission also notes that under current jeopardy rationing procedures, the earliest that the new area code could be implemented is the first quarter of 2009. The Commission, having considered the entire record, is of the opinion and finds that:

- (1) the Commission has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof;
- (2) the implementation plan proposed by NeuStar should be approved;
- (3) upon initiation of the implementation plan, NeuStar should notify the Chief Clerk of such by means of a compliance filing in this docket; said compliance

<sup>2</sup> 1+10-digit dialing for all HNPA and FNPA local calls permissible and optional at each service provider's discretion.

filing should also be served on the Administrative Law Judge and all parties to this proceeding;

- (4) the conclusions reached in the Interim Order in this proceeding should remain unchanged; and
- (5) all motions, petitions, objections, and other matters in this proceeding which remain unresolved should be disposed of consistent with the conclusions herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Illinois Commerce Commission that the implementation plan filed by NeuStar, Inc., in its role as the North American Numbering Plan Administrator and on behalf of the Illinois telecommunications industry, is hereby approved.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that NeuStar, Inc. shall comply with Finding (3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the conclusions reached in the Interim Order in this proceeding remain unchanged.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all motions, petitions, objections, and other matters in this proceeding which remain unresolved are disposed of consistent with the conclusions herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that subject to the provisions of Section 10-113 of the Public Utilities Act and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 200.880, this Order is final; it is not subject to the Administrative Review Law.

By order of the Commission this 6th day of March, 2007.

(SIGNED) CHARLES E. BOX

Chairman